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SUBJ: TIN: STOCKPILE DISPOSALS

1. DURING CALL AT MINERAL RESOURCES DEPT. RTG MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY ON ANOTHER MATTER MAY 9 EMBOFF INFORMED BY PRINCE PRIYADIS DISKUL THAT CABINET DECIDED PREVIOUS DAY TO SEND DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON ON SUBJECT TIN STOCK-PILE DISPOSALS. TEAM TO CONSIST OF DEPUTY MINISTER OF COMMERCE OSOT KOSIN AND FORMER MINERAL RESOURCES DIRECTOR GENERAL VIJA SETHAPUT (NOW ADVISOR TO MINISTER OF INDUSTRY) AND WILL ARRIVE WASHINGTON MAY 14, THERE TO BE JOINED BY THAI AMBASSADOR FOR CALLS WHICH LATTER NOW INSTRUCTED TO SET UP IN DEPARTMENT AND AT GSA.

2. PRINCE BEMUSED BY WASHINGTON ARRIVAL DATE WHICH HE UNDERSTOOD TO BE WHEN FINAL USG STOCKPILE DISPOSAL POSITION SCHEDULED TO BE ANNOUNCED. HE DESCRIBED COMPOSITION OF DELEGATION AS RESULTING FROM DOMESTIC POLITICAL SITUATION. HE EXPLAINED THAT MINISTER OF INDUSTRY GENERAL KRIS SIVARA, FEELING HEAT OF LOCAL PRESS CAMPAIGN LINKING HIM TO WATER POLLUTION SCANDAL IN RATCHABURI PROVINCE, HAD ORIGINALLY PROPOSED TIN DELEGATION TRIP TO GET HIMSELF OUT OF THAI-CONFIDENTIAL

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LAND. HOWEVER, AGRICULTURE MINISTER AIR VICE MASHAL DAWEE OPPOSED KRIS' MOVE ON GROUND RUBBER WAS FORMER'S RESPONSIBILITY, AND ANY DELEGATION TO US ON ANY STOCKPILE DISPOSALS (IRRESPECTIVE OF COMMODITY) SHOULD ALSO HAVE AGRICULTURE

MINISTRY REPRESENTATION. ACCORDING TO PRINCE, CABINET
NEATLY AVOIDED KRIS- DAWEE CONFRONTATION BY APPOINTING
COMMERCE DEPUTY MINISTER OSOT KOSIN HEAD OF DELEGATION
THUS OBLIGING INDUSTRY MINISTER TO SEND A SUBORDINATE TO
REPRESENT HIS MINISTRY WHILE STAYING HOME HIMSELF TO
FACE UP TO POLLUTION PROBLEM.

3. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, OSOT KOSIN IS EFFECTIVE
OFFICIAL WHO HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH THIS EMBASSY ON A NUMBER OF
PROBLEMS. REQUEST HE BE GIVEN ALL POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION.
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